

STATE HUNTING REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO THE SHAWNEE N.F.

(Taken from the IL Administrative Rules found at www.dnr.illinois.gov/adrules -
Adopted Administrative Rules- Conservation section, expand the Fish & Wildlife section)

Section 590.60: Various other Department Sites – Duck, Goose, and Coot Hunting

The sites listed in this Section conform to statewide Regulation (Section 590.10) and the following regulations, except as noted.

a.) Regulations

- 1) Hunting hours are from legal opening to 1:00 p.m., except hunting shall be permitted until sunset on those sites indicated by (1) following the location in subsection (b).
- 2) No permanent blinds allowed, except for Department constructed blinds; all blinds must be of a portable nature and constructed with natural vegetation at the blind site and no pits can be dug. All materials must be removed or dismantled at the end of the day's hunt.
- 3) Portable boat blinds must have been completed, including final brushing, before entering the water and must be removed at the end of the day's hunt.
- 4) Waterfowl hunters must maintain a distance of 200 yards between hunting parties, except for Department constructed blinds or staked locations.
- 5) No hunting is permitted within 200 yards of developed recreation areas, public use facilities, and construction or industrial areas.
- 6) No check station is operated nor is any check in/out required, except as indicated in the remainder of this Section.
- 7) It shall be unlawful to trespass upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from two weeks prior to the start of regular duck season through the close of regular duck and Canada goose season except as indicated in the remainder of this Section.
- 8) It shall be unlawful to trespass upon the designated waterfowl hunting area during the 7 days prior to the regular duck season unless otherwise posted at the site.

b) Site specific regulations

- 44) Shawnee National Forest, Upper and Lower Bluff Lakes
Goose hunting is prohibited at Lower Bluff Lake. **Legal entry is 4:30 a.m. and exit time is 2:00 p.m. for all hunters in flooded management compartments.**
- 45) Shawnee National Forest, LaRue Scatters
All hunting must be by walking in or in boats without motors. **Legal entry time is 4:30 a.m. and exit time is 2:00 p.m. for all hunters in flooded management compartments.**
- 46) Shawnee National Forest, Oakwood Bottoms (Greentree Reservoir west of Big Muddy Levee)
 - a) All hunting must be by walking into the area.
 - b) Each hunting party must hunt over a minimum of 12 decoys in Compartments 19, 20, and 21.
 - c) No persons shall tamper with or attempt to manipulate any of the gates, pumps, or structures in the sub-impoundment area.
 - d) **Legal entry time is 4:30 a.m. and exit time is 2:00 p.m. for all hunters in flooded management compartments.**

Section 590.10: Statewide Regulations

- d) It shall be unlawful while attempting to take migratory waterfowl or coots to have in possession any shotgun shells not approved as non-toxic by federal regulations. Violation is a petty offense (see 520 ILCS 5/2.18-1).

Section 550.30: Raccoon, Opossum, Striped Skunk, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Coyote, and Woodchuck (Groundhog) Hunting on Department-Owned, Department-Leased or Department-Managed Sites

f) Statewide regulations as provided for in this rule apply at the following sites (exceptions are in parentheses):

Shawnee National Forest, Oakwood Bottoms, and LaRue Scatters (season closes 7 days before opening of duck season and remains closed through the duck season; at Oakwood Bottoms non-toxic shot only).